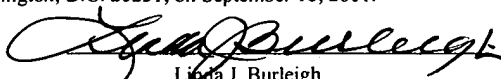


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In the application of:

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Serial Nbo.: 09/826,267

Filing Date: April 4, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE FOR
UNIFORM LOADING OF
ENDOLUMINAL PROSTHESES

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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated August 27, 2001, attached please find:

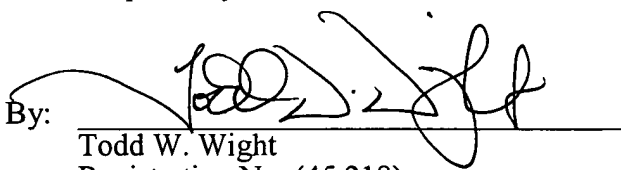
- ☒ Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.
- ☒ Corrected Sheet 5/5 with Figures 8, 9, and 10.
- ☒ Charge to Deposit Account No. 03-1952.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

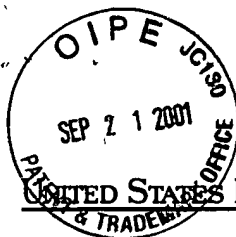
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - are not on the correct size paper (see 37 CFR 1.84(f)) The size of the sheets on which drawings are made must be either 21.0 cm. by 29.7 cm. (DIN size A4) or 21.6 cm. by 27.9 cm (8 ½ by 11 inches);
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 20 August, 2001

TO: Thomas L. Koontz, Director
Office of Initial Patent Examination

FROM: Douglas I. Wood *DMW*
Petitions Attorney
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy
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SUBJECT: Application No. 09/826,267

A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 was filed on 1 June, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 1 June, 2001, the date of deposit of the item(s) noted as omitted in the Notice of Omitted Item(s) mailed on 9 May, 2001.

In accordance with the procedure set forth in "Changes Relating To An Application Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53," page 11 (copy enclosed), the application is being returned to OIPE for issuance of a new filing receipt indicating a filing date of 1 June, 2001, and for repressing using the copy of Figures 8-10 supplied on 1 June, 2001.

2. Determine type of response filed.

- a. Response is petition under 37 CFR 1.53(c) asserting that items noted as lacking in the Notice of Omitted Items were present when application was deposited in PTO -- Send petition and application to Patent Legal Administration for decision. **NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.** (Sample petition at Figure 1, page 12).
- b. Response is petition under 37 CFR 1.182 containing omitted items and requesting filing date as of date of deposit of omitted items -- grant petition and process application with filing date as of the date of deposit of omitted items. (Sample petition at Figure 2, page 13).

NOTE: Grant of petition is indicated by new Filing Receipt mailed to applicant.

- c. Response is petition containing omitted items but requests earlier filing date or argues that Notice of Omitted Items is in error -- treat as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(c) (see 1 above).

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